

# ALLIES DRIVE GERMANS BACK

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many prisoners. These included a battalion of German infantry, many rapid fire guns, and also many gun carriages.

German Losses Ground.

Violent encounters have occurred on the French center between Vere Champe and the French troops. The French at the southern point of the forest of Argonne. The French have fallen back nowhere. The German divisions have been to the northward, passing the forest of Champeur.

Further to the east the French troops recaptured the crest of Mandry and the peak of Courvaux.

There is no change in the situation in the vicinity of Ales.

**German Division Repulsed.**

At Biaz Vitry, the movement of retirement on the Germans' side is confirmed. On the French right, a German division, which had been at the forest of Chateau Salins and Nancy, but was repulsed to the northward.

The French foreign office at Bordeaux declared the following under date of last night:

"The German right wing (first army) on the Verdun side has been attacked with advantage to our troops. On the Meuse valley Les Fracons.

The cautious tone of the official communications issued from France indicated that the commandant of the allies Monday was only a seer to ascertain the reason for the strange eastward swing of the German right. No more, however, than the forward movement may mean, a decisive battle cannot long be postponed. Meantime, the western valley of the Rhine, recently overrun by German troops, has been cleared of the enemy and has been given a breathing spell.

**Allies Bendish Lines.**

The unexpected swing of the Germans caused a readjustment of the lines of the allies. The position of the Germans was ascertained so promptly by the aeroplanes of the allies that abundant time was given for the shift.

It is evident that the Germans now have before the front of their wedge-like advance the veterans of the allies' left wing, which underwent a terrible battle along the Franco-Belgian border. The ranks of these Franco-

**Three Protect Allies' Flanks.**

Another advantage enjoyed by the allies is the fact that their flanks are protected by the great fortresses of Paris and Verdun, which the German army, Mauborgne is still held by the French, despite the fall of three of its fortresses. +

**German Seek Weak Spot.**

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Nantes, to miles northwest of Paris, says:

"The battle of Creil, fought on Wednesday and Saturday days, was intended to mask the new German movement to break through the line of French forts ranged north-easterly through Rheims."

"I myself, was a witness of the German movement westwards and northwards of reinforcements to build up and strengthen the rampart of the allies that was to check the German advance. It was supposed to be the German general staff, that just

objective, Paris, the strength opposed to theirs was more than their fatigued and shaken forces could penetrate within any period that would suit the solving, in addition, of the Russian problem. They, therefore, wheeled suddenly, as though in desperation, in an effort to destroy at first that part of the French strength."

Paris is Confident.

to repulse them from the capital. Even the surprise at finding the Germans have been able to traverse nearly the entire Champagne country does not shake confidence in the outcome of the great battle, which, after all the maneuvers, is being fought on grounds selected by Gen. Joseph Joffre, the French commander-in-chief.

The famous turning movement of the Germans has finally resulted in a battle formation that puts their own right in jeopardy, as Monday's advance of the allies' left proved.

As far as may be inferred from the meager official news the army, now called the army of Paris, must be acting as an independent force holding the convex side of a curved battle line and free to menace the communication of the enemy.

**Guns Destroy Pontoon Bridges.**

Big new armies coming in from the wounded show that the allies gained a distinct success on the left, the enemy suffering greatly while trying to cross the river Barre. As fast as pontoons were finished the French three inch guns demolished them before they could be utilized.

The general opinion of the morning press is that the allies may lose the battle and still make the siege of Paris difficult for the enemy, while if the Germans lose the situation of their entire army in France would be critical.

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